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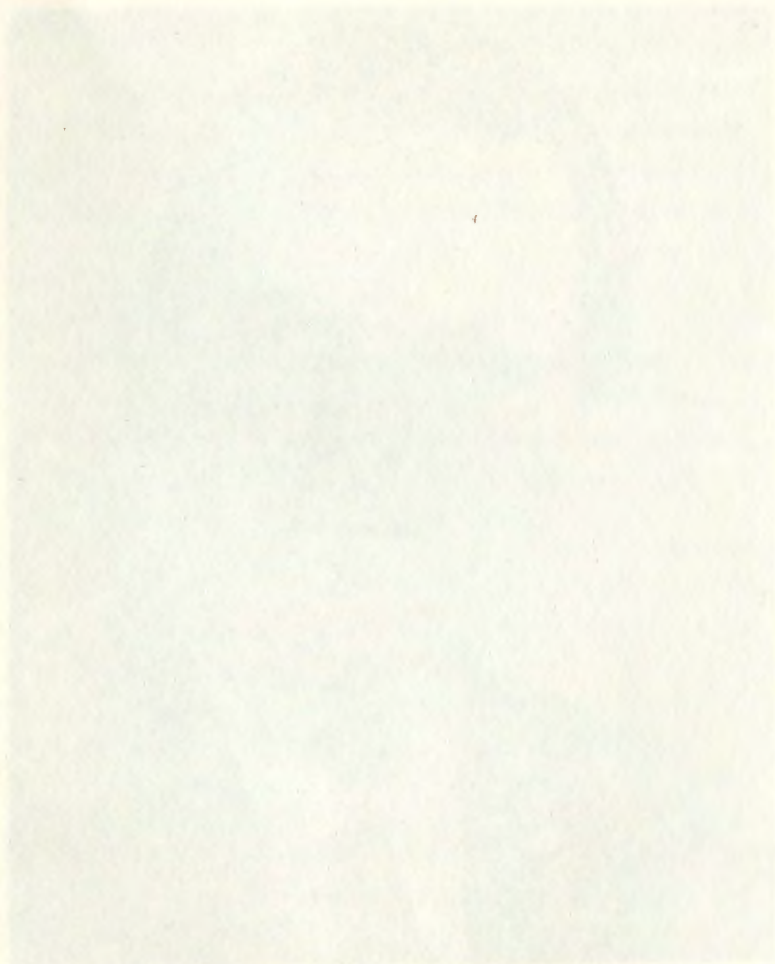
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## I.

### ROMAN CATHOLICISM VS. AMERICANISM

Ladies and Gentlemen: Do you believe in religious freedom? What does freedom to worship as you believe mean to you? Do you know that it is possible that this freedom may be taken away from you? Roman Catholicism does not tolerate religious freedom when she is in control of power. That has always been true and it is still true today. I invite you to consider with me these grave issues which I now present.

The liberties and freedoms which this great country affords were not obtained without cost and sacrifice of blood and sweat and tears and these freedoms cannot be maintained without diligent watchfulness and constant readiness to oppose those who endanger these precious heritages.

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH OPENED—CHURCH OF CHRIST CLOSED

I have here a newspaper, the Greenville Morning Herald of Greenville, Texas published Feb. 14, 1954. In the paper is a picture of the Catholic church, which enjoyed its formal opening last Sunday in the city of Greenville. Citizens of the community attended to pay their compliments. The Catholics enjoy complete religious freedom. They did not have to get permission from the civil authorities in order to open their building for public worship. Surely no one in this city would think of denying them the liberty to build a church building and conduct public worship as they see fit. On the contrary, multitudes would demand that they be given such rights. Therefore, without anyone throwing a single rock, or tearing down the church sign, or promoting any kind of public demonstration against them, the Catholics proceeded with their services unmolested and in complete safety. Yet, the same newspaper, on the opposite side of the same page, showed a picture of the Church of Christ in Rome, Italy. The picture shows a porter cleaning off the sidewalk. The name of the church had been chiseled off of the building by the police, dominated by the Roman Catholic church. An official of the Catholic Church objected to the sign, so the police just got up there and chiseled it off. Furthermore, they closed the doors of the church building in Leghorn, Italy, and put the preacher in jail. Not because he was a criminal, but because he was conducting public worship contrary to the Cath-



olic Church. This is and has been their principle of operation for centuries.

Fundamentally, they are no different in the City of Greenville than they are in the city of Rome. The difference is in their power. Grant them the same power in Greenville that they have in Rome, and the result will be exactly the same. What a contrast! Freedom and Intolerance! In Greenville, Texas, the Catholic church opens its doors and the public is invited to attend. In Rome, Italy and Leghorn, Italy, the church doors are closed and the preacher taken to jail. The sign is chiseled off the building because Roman Catholicism does not tolerate opposition!

We, in America, cannot sit idly by and allow these precious liberties, which were purchased with the lives of our forefathers, to be destroyed by any kind of "ism" whether it be Communism or Catholicism. One is no more dangerous to our freedoms than the other.

#### OPPONENTS BURNED

My friends, go with me back to a dark and dreary Saturday, July 6, 1415. John Huss was led to the outskirts of the city where he lived, burned at the stake, and his ashes scattered on the River Rhine. His charge?—He disowned the authority of the Roman Catholic church and believed the Bible to be the only authority.

In 1384 John Wycliffe, tired, sick, persecuted, and hounded passed away in seclusion brought about by the persecution of the Roman Catholic church. In 1428, forty-five years later, his remains were dug up, burned, and scattered on the River Swift. The charge?—He had the audacity to oppose Rome.

On Friday, October 6, 1536, William Tyndale, one of the most pious, honest, and lovable men who then graced the earth, was strangled and burned at the stake. The charge? He had translated the New Testament into the language of the people, having made the boast that he would see that the plow-boy would know more about the Word of God than the clergy of the Catholic Church.

No worse or blacker spot appears on the recorded pages of the history of any nation, or group of people, than appear from the twelfth to the sixteenth centuries during the period of the Inquisition perpetrated by the Popes of Rome. Hundreds and thousands of people were brutally murdered in various ways until the rivers of France, Germany, and particularly Spain

ran red with the blood of the victims—because of opposition to the teachings and policies of the Popes of Rome.

But, someone objects, saying, this was all so long ago during a rather barbarous period; this is not and cannot be true today. Well, I ask you, my friends, can it be true? It is true. The same principle which brought about these incidents mentioned is adhered to today and is PRACTICED where the opposition is too weak to restrain it. We cordially urge you to consider the following RECENT accounts from the Christian Chronicle, a newspaper, reporting religious happenings all over the world, printed in Abilene, Texas.

"Dr. Manfredi Ronchi is Secretary General of the Baptist Church in Italy and vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance. One of his churches which was established in 1890 was closed by the Italian Government in August, 1952. The new Italian constitution and the friendship treaty with the United States says nothing about why we should go begging for permission to operate in Italy, he said. Dr. Ronchi declared that the doors of the United States were open to all faiths to proselyte and why should we then ask for a permit in Italy? In 1936, Dr. Ronchi said that the Facist Government had closed his church at Miglionico, that there was no official decree ordering the church closed and the records of the closing were illegal. In 1943 he said that the Allied Military government had instructed the policy to allow the church to continue services and that nine years later the Christian Democratic Government of Italy had again closed that very church."

#### CHURCH SIGN ORDERED REMOVED

"From all sections of Italy came reports this week of continued harrassment and activity to thwart activities of the churches in that land." The Chronicle reported—date of Nov. 19, 1952. "In Allesandria officials summoned Lido Petrini to appear in court for violation of the Mussolini Public Security laws of 1930 for posting a sign advertising gospel services on September 7, the day the church was first closed. The accusation also charged him with not having secured permission to conduct the service. His trial is set for today. At the opposite end of Italy, Italo Minestroni reported that the police chief had ordered him to remove the sign from over the door of the meeting place,"—another act of Roman Catholicism.

### **TAX PAYERS SUPPORT CATHOLICISM**

My friends, listen to this. Not only in Italy, but in other countries—in Germany, the Catholic Church refused the opportunity for a gospel preacher to preach the truth.

"Every morning at 7:30 in Frankfurt, over the American Forces Network, a station supported by the taxpayers money, the Catholic Church preaches her doctrine boldly and without apology, and this free of charge. Taxpayers in America, who do not believe Catholic doctrine, are thus forced to support the preaching of Catholic doctrine. 'I went to the chaplain's office,' said Brother Gatewood, 'to ask for some free time on the station with the same privileges. He was a Catholic and ordered me out of his office and said, 'If there is any available time on American Forces Network, I'll take it'. "Yes, the Roman Catholic Church spreads her doctrine by taking our tax supported radio station, which isn't supposed to be used to propagate any denominational doctrines, and when she has the power she throws us out of her offices and forces us from radio stations where we are willing to pay and are supposed to have religious freedom". Thus stated Otis Greenwood, missionary of the church of Christ in Germany. Ladies and gentlemen, could you call that religious freedom?

### **PUBLIC SCHOOL TAX FOR CATHOLICISM**

"The Catholic Church today is receiving thousands of dollars out of the tax money of our states and federal government. For example, under the Hill-Burton Act of 1946, \$82,627,836 was made available to hospitals of various religious organizations. Of this amount, the Roman Catholic Church received \$72,-378,300! The federal government and almost every state government has had pressure brought upon them to include the parochial school systems of the Catholic Church in money grants for education. **ONLY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS BROUGHT SUCH PRESSURE.** Catholicism wants the many non-catholics of this country to pay for her schools, and for her false doctrine, not only in religion, but in history as well. The Missouri Association for Free Schools recently audited the expenditures of public tax funds for the school year of 1951-52 and found that 25 parochial schools of the Roman Catholic Church in 18 counties had been declared public schools. There were 94 nuns employed in these schools. They were paid salaries of \$140,956.00 out of public tax funds. In addition to this amount, a total of \$470,259.62 was paid to these schools in the form of "state aid". And, in addition to that, these schools



received from local taxes approximately \$350,000. This adds up to a grand total of \$961,215.62—MISSOURI TAX MONEY, paid to support Catholic doctrine," was the report of Foster Ramsey in the Christian Chronicle of Dec. 10, 1952.

Ladies and gentlemen, talk about religious freedom, the only freedom that Roman Catholicism knows is the freedom to propagate her doctrines and to stop the mouth of anyone who would protest her doctrines or expose her errors. I should like to quote to you from an address delivered by Mr. C. Stanley Lowell of the Methodist Church before the Wesley Methodist Church in Washington, D. C. He states, and I quote.

#### NO PROTESTANT CHURCHES PERMITTED

"There is no doubt about what Rome really wants. We have an excellent made-to-order demonstration in General Franco's Spain. In that country Franco treats Protestants exactly as the Pope thinks they ought to be treated. No Protestant churches, marked as such, are permitted. Meetings of Protestant Christians in private homes are spied on and broken up. Police arrest the participants and courts impose heavy fines. These facts are irrefutable. They have been attested by Dr. John Southerland Bonnell, New York's famed radio preacher, who recently returned from Spain. All civil opportunities would be denied you. You could not enter civil service, You could not send your child to school unless you were willing for Roman Catholic teaching to be forced upon him. As a known Protestant, leading stores might refuse to sell you merchandise. You would be generally ostracized and villified. Protestants are not permitted to have a funeral service. They may not reply in the press to attacks made upon them. Dr. Bonnell states that he has pictures which he himself has taken of Protestant churches in Spain that had been demolished by Roman Catholic hoodlums, members of the so-called "Catholic Action".

#### SCHOOLS CLOSED

Furthermore, Dr. Lowell declares, "the Roman Catholic hierarchy has also followed the policy of taking over the public schools wherever they felt strong enough to do so. Their abortive attempt to seize control of the College Hill, Ohio, school system had sensational repercussions. Their attempts in New Mexico have been more successful. In Dixon, New Mexico, the public schools were abruptly closed. The action was taken by a Roman Catholic school board. There was no meeting, no opportunity



for question or protest. Those who wanted their children educated were told to send them to the Roman Catholic school. The public school buildings were abandoned to the ravages of weather and neglect. Buses picked up the children and delivered them at 8:30, although classes did not begin until 9:00. Protestant children could either attend mass, which came first, or stand outside in the cold. One Protestant youngster who refused to go to confession was locked up and kept there till 9 o'clock at night when he escaped by jumping out a window. The child of an ex-catholic family was reminded that she would surely go to hell if she didn't go to confession. The people of Dixon raised \$13,000 out of their own pockets to build a school where at least the first five grades would be taught by lay teachers. The day before the school opened these people were told by the Romanist school board that their new school must have a nun as principal and that a majority of the teachers would have to be nuns.

In indignation, committees waited on one state official after another while each, in turn, passed the buck to someone else. Incidentally, the salaries of many of these teaching nuns in New Mexico are paid in a lump sum directly to their order without any of the deductions being taken out. Lay teachers have to take all the deductions. In the town of Costilla, public school graduating exercises were held in the Roman Catholic Church. Children had to pass the altar and bow to two statues of the Virgin. The diplomas were handed out by the Archbishop of Santa Fe. When they accepted the diploma they had to bow and kiss his ring. If they didn't want to do this, they could stay home and receive their diploma by mail. These were the facts and like many, many others that could be given, they were completely supported by affidavits." These things, my friends, were happening in the state of New Mexico, in the United States of America, and not in Italy!

America, surely it is time to awaken to the designs of Roman Catholicism!

#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPEAKS

Ladies and gentlemen, hear me. Are you listening? . . . Will you hear the voice of a great American? Abraham Lincoln speaks!

Following the trial of Mr. Chiniquy, author of the book,

"Fifty Years in the Church of Rome", Abraham Lincoln said, and I quote from AMERICA OR ROME CHRIST OR THE POPE, pp, 456-460, "As long as God gives me a heart to feel, a brain to think, or a hand to execute my will, I will devote it against that power which has attempted to use the machinery of the courts to destroy the rights and character of an American citizen. But there is a thing which is very certain; it is, that if the American people could learn what I know of the fierce hatred of the generality of the priests of Rome against our institutions, our schools, our most sacred rights, and our so dearly bought liberties, they would drive them away, tomorrow, from among us, or would shoot them as traitors . . . . The history of the last thousand years tell us that wherever the Church of Rome is not a dagger to pierce the bosom of a free nation, she is a stone to her neck, and a ball to her feet, to paralyze her and prevent her advance in the ways of civilization, science, intelligence, happiness, and liberty . . . . I do not pretend to be a prophet," Mr. Lincoln says. "But though not a prophet, I see a very dark cloud on our horizon. And that dark cloud is coming from Rome. It is filled with tears or blood. It will rise and increase, till its flanks will be torn by a flash of lightning, followed by a fearful peal of thunder. Then a cyclone such as the world has never seen, will pass over this country, spreading ruin and desolation from north to south." That, my friends, was the warning of the great American, Abraham Lincoln!

#### CATHOLICS MURDER LINCOLN?

In all probability this attitude toward the Catholic Church cost Mr. Lincoln his life. The same writer, on page 458 and 460, records the following information: "The plot for Lincoln's murder was planned in the home of Mrs. Surratt, a Roman Catholic . . . . Mr. Loyd, who kept the carbine that Booth wanted for protection was a Roman Catholic. Dr. Mudd, who set Booth's leg, was a Roman Catholic. Garrett, in whose barn Booth took refuge, was a Roman Catholic. Booth was a Roman Catholic. John H. Surratt, who went to the Pope for protection, and who was concealed under the banners of the Pope when he was detected, was also a Roman Catholic. General Baker, the great detective, said, 'All the conspirators were Roman Catholics'. Prominent government officials said, 'We have not the least doubt that the Jesuits were at the bottom of the great iniquity'. The death of Lincoln was announced," (listen to this, Ladies

and gentlemen), "by Roman Catholics, several hours before it occurred, at St. Joseph, Minn., forty miles from a railroad and eighty miles from the nearest telegraph station. This is a fact established in history. Booth said, I can never repent. God made me the instrument of his punishment.'" Unquote. That is another part of Roman Catholicism. My friends, you may say that was yesterday, but I say again, what do we know about freedom today?

Not long ago the churches of Christ in Denver, Colo. made a contract with the municipal authorities for use of the city auditorium during a meeting with Aniceto Speragna, the ex-Catholic priest who is now a preacher of the gospel. All things were ready, but just before time for the meeting, the contract was cancelled by the city. Why? Obvious! Someone had realized who the speaker was. An EX-CATHOLIC? Oh, no! Contract or no contract! That, ladies and gentlemen, was in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.

#### GET YOUR HEAD BASHED IN

Ladies and gentlemen, here is an editorial comment from a Catholic editor of a Catholic paper. Will you hear this? The comment appeared in The Amarillo Register, Sept. 19, 1952. The paper states that it is a "Catholic Weekly;" "Official Newspaper of the Diocese of Amarillo". I want you to hear this comment from this Catholic editor of a Catholic paper. Hear it, my friends! Are you listening? . . . Quote: "Here in West Texas, which has a minority of Catholics, the Church of Christ can hire an 'ex-priest' to talk about the Catholic Church and get away with it. But the same can not be said of Catholic Italy. Thumb your nose at the Holy Father in Italy and you are liable to get your head bashed in. If the Church of Christ missionaries, mostly sponsored by the Church of Christ in Brownfield, Texas, in this diocese, had any Texas horse sense at all, they would fold up their tents and quietly steal away before the Italians really get mad". Unquote. That, ladies and gentlemen, is Catholicism today, in America, the United States, and not during the dark ages!

#### 50,000 PEOPLE SLAUGHTERED

My friends, the threat made by this Catholic writer in Amarillo, Texas is actually being carried out in many parts of the



world today. Here is a statement from an eyewitness of Catholic persecutions of Protestants in Colombia, South America. The report is by James Hervey Johnson of San Diego, Calif. Quote:

"At a special meeting held Feb. 23, 1953, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor showed pictures to ten protestant churches which had been burned and destroyed by Catholic mobs in Colombia, and a dozen pictures of churches which had been stoned by mobs until all the windows had been broken. One picture showed a mob including a Catholic priest. Dr. Taylor said that he had 50 witnesses that one mob had been led by three Catholic priests. Taylor, President of the National Association of Evangelicals, from Washington, D. C., described a reign of terror against both native and American missionaries, preachers and their congregations in Colombia. He spoke in the First Baptist Church in San Diego, Calif.

He further states there were some 50,000 people who have been slaughtered in Colombia, South America, in a period of three years. But you say, "Mr. Howard, that is in a foreign country." My friends, do not be deceived. Roman Catholicism is the same in any country. The only difference is the power she possesses where she is. You may be sure of another thing, too, the Roman Catholic Church already has power over civil government in some parts of these United States.

#### BODIES OF PROTESTANTS FED TO DOGS

Dr. Henry E. Hendrick, speaking before the College Ave. Baptist Church in San Diego, Calif. on Jan. 11, 1953, told of the deplorable conditions of the Navajo and Pueblo Indians in New Mexico, which have been dominated by the Catholic Church more than 400 years. He said the Indians in the reservation near Albuquerque, N. M., had been beaten and driven away from their homes by Roman Catholic bigots. He showed pictures of those who had been severely beaten. He produced tape recordings from other Indians who told of threatenings against them. He referred to the long list of reported atrocities in Mexico listed in Time Magazine of Mexico in the Feb. 1952 issue, where Protestants have been dragged behind horses on cobblestone streets until they were dead; how their bodies have been cut up and fed to the dogs in typical medieval fashion. He quoted a statement by the Archbishop of Mexico which says, and I quote, "With Christian serenity, but also with great



energy, we shall oppose the expansion of Protestant campaign. More than that, we shall fight it until we destroy it". Unquote.

Dr. Hendrick told of one Pueblo which had a Presbyterian Church, but the church building is now used for grain storage by the Catholic Church. He told of the Navajo Indians living west of Albuquerque, N. M. who had to haul water as far as twenty miles for their own use. He suggested that much of the backwardness of the Indians stemmed from the efforts of the Catholic Priests to keep them from going to public schools. They were kept in Catholic parochial schools. The story told to the children was that if they attended the government schools they would be cast into hell by the devil.

The speaker showed a bottle containing about an ounce of liquid, which the Roman Catholic Church in Italy claimed was sweat from the bones of St. Nicola, and which, if rubbed on the sore spots of the body, would heal them. He wondered how many gallons of sweat the bones would produce each year. Evidently this fake trick brings the Catholic Church much money. He referred to an article in the Action Magazine, date of July 21, 1952, in which it was reported "the government of Jemez Pueblo called fifteen Protestant Christians before it and demanded that they renounce their faith and return to their Indo-Catholic religion. On their refusal, the Governor announced that their property was forfeited, including homes and furniture . . . . He had previously forbidden them to have any prayer meeting, or religious meeting in their homes and, of course, would not permit the building of a Protestant church in the Pueblo, and he stated that his decision could not be interfered with even by the Federal Government."

Ladies and gentlemen, hear me! Don't you know that Italy is not the only place where Catholic Church will not permit freedom of worship. Not only will they chisel the name off the church buildings, send in the police and break up public worship, and even put the preacher in jail in Italy, but I tell you the same thing will be done in every State in the United States and every part of the world, unless free people open their eyes to the plans and schemes of Roman Catholicism.

My friends, if you are concerned about freedom, you must be concerned about religious freedom. Without religious freedom, there is no freedom. I do not believe in Roman Catholicism. I do not believe in protestant denominationalism. I be-

lieve in simple New Testament Christianity. But, beloved, I do believe that every man and woman on God's earth should have the right to believe what he wants to believe and worship as he desires to worship. I do not believe the Pope in the Vatican, or a Pope in Washington has the right to take away these freedoms. I say to you, ladies and gentlemen, Catholicism is just as serious a challenge to our American way of life, our freedom and our liberties, as is Communism. They are both dictatorial and intollerant. So far as being a Christian is concerned, and your freedom to worship God, as directed in His Holy word, Catholicism is no better than Communism. God give us strong men and women with faith and courage to expose the deceitful workings of Catholicism which is rapidly wrapping itself around the destinys of men throughout the world!

## II.

### CATHOLICISM VS. FREEDOM

My friends, I continue the discussion of the subject, "Roman Catholicism Vs. American Freedom."

The Catholic Church stands committed to the position of union of church and state. They maintain that the Pope should be given absolute power over both temporal and spiritual matters. The "Roman Pontiff has from on high an authority which is supreme, above all others, and subject to none," is a quotation from the *Light of Truth*, Catholic Encyclopedia, Pius XI, p. 5. Still again, from an American Cardinal, Gibbons, in *Faith of Our Fathers*, page 180; Quote: "For our part, we have every confidence that ere long the clouds which now overshadow the civil throne of the Pope will be removed by the breath of a righteous God, and that his temporal power will be reestablished on a more permanent basis than ever before." Unquote. That was an American cardinal talking. I am persuaded that many good Americans, who have embraced Catholicism did not know these things and even after having learned them would be willing to repudiate them because of such a threat to American freedom.

Leo XIII said, in *The Great Encyclical Letters*, p. 542, and I quote, "Hence from all that we have hitherto said, it is clear, beloved son, that we cannot approve the opinions which some comprise under the head of Americanism." Unquote. That, Ladies and Gentlemen, was a Pope of Rome talking.

#### FREEDOM OF THOUGHT NO RIGHT OF MAN

What is it about Americanism that the Pope does not like? Leo XIII said "From what has been said, it follows that it is quite unlawful to demand, to defend, or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, of speech, of writing, or of worship, as if these were so many rights given by nature to man." Unquote. According to official Catholicism, we do not have a right to the freedom of speech, worship, and thought, and surely they have demonstrated this policy in Italy and other parts of the world in more recent years and even more recent weeks.

John A. Ryan, a well known Catholic, in his book "The Catholic Principles of Politics", tells us what the Catholics attitude toward Protestant religions would be if Catholics came to power. He affirms that if the Catholic Church becomes strong



enough, that other religions would be permitted to "carry on their own form of worships, providing it is within the family circle or in such an inconspicuous manner as to be an occasion neither of scandal nor perversion to the faithful." Unquote. Of course, by the word, "Faithful", he means faithful to the Catholic Church.

#### STATE RIGHTS ANNULLED

On December 8, 1864, by the authority of Pope Pius IX, the papal "syllabus of errors" was issued. It was later ratified and accepted, and now regarded as infallible and irreformable. A concise analysis of the syllabus was rendered by William Arthur, of England, in his book, "The Pope, The Kings and the People." I wish to submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, some points contained in the syllabus and considered to be erroneous by the Catholic Church:

1. The state has not the right to leave every man free to profess and embrace whatever religion he may desire.

2. The state has not the right to define the rights of the church, nor to define the limits within which she is to exercise those rights.

3. The Catholic Church declares that the state has not the right to enact that the ecclesiastical power shall require the permission of the civil power in order to exercise its authority.

4. The Catholic Church declares that the states has not the right to deny the church the *use of force*, or to deny to her the possession of either a direct or indirect temporal power.

5. The Catholic Church declares that the state has not the right to exclude the pontiff or clergy from all dominion over temporal affairs.

6. The State has not the right, without consent of the pope, of abolishing ecclesiastical courts for temporal causes, whether civil or criminal, to which the clergy are parities.

7. The Catholic Church affirms that the state has not the right of asserting itself to be the foundation of all rights; or of asserting a jurisdiction not limited by other jurisdiction, save that of the pope.

8. The state has not the right of allowing an appeal from an ecclesiastical court to a civil one.

9. The Catholic Church affirms that the state has not the right of asserting the supremacy of its own laws when they come in conflict with ecclesiastical law.



10. The state does not have the right to the entire direction of public schools.

11. The Catholic Church declares that the state has not the right to separate itself from the church.

12. Catholicism affirms that the state has not the right to provide for the study of philosophy, or moral science, or civil law, eluding the ecclesiastical authority.

13. Catholicism affirms that the state has not the right to sanction divorce in any case.

14. Catholicism asserts the state has not the right to uphold any marriage solemnized otherwise than according to the form prescribed by the Council of Trent, even if solemnized according to a form sanctioned by the civil law.

15. Roman Catholicism states that the state has not the right to declare the matrimonial causes, or those arising out of betrothals, belong by their nature to the civil jurisdiction.

Those 15 declarations have to do with the disabilities of the state according to Catholic conception.

#### CHURCH RIGHTS DESTROYS FREEDOM

I wish to submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, some of the things that the Catholic Church claims the church has the right to do, meaning of course the Catholic Church having such rights.

1. The Church has the right to require the state not to leave every man free to profess his own religion. (Did you get that, ladies and gentlemen? Are you listening? . . . Hear me, my friends! Here is Catholicism. The Catholic Church declares the church has the right to require the state not to leave every man free to profess his own religion.)

2. She has the right to exercise her power without the permission or consent of the state.

3. She has the right to be perfectly free. She has the right to define her own rights, and to define the limits within which they are to be exercised.

4. She has the right to employ force. (Yes, get that friends, she has the right to employ force, so declares Roman Catholicism.)

5. She has the right to deprive the civil authority of the entire government of public schools. (May I repeat that? Roman Catholicism says the church has the right to deprive the civil authority of the entire government of public schools.)

6. She has the right of holding kings and princes in subjection to her jurisdiction, and of denying that their authority is superior to her own in determining questions of jurisdiction.

7. (Another affirmation made by the Catholic Church.) She has the right to require that the Catholic religion shall be the only religion of the state, to the exclusion of all others. (Let that soak in, my friends.)

8. Catholicism says the church has the right to prevent the state from granting the public exercise of their own worship to persons immigrating into it.

9. The Catholic church says she has the right to require the state not to permit free expression of opinion.

10. The Roman pontiff cannot be reconciled to modern civilization and progress, or compromise with them.

Thus, the pope of Rome in this syllabus has declared that civil government must be wholly subject to the papacy; that civil law must be Catholic law; that civilization must be Catholic. In so declaring he has issued eighty propositions and has consigned to eternal anathema all who reject them. An official publication of the Roman Catholic Church commented on the syllabus as follows: "It is not a document to turn sinners to God, but a charter of ecclesiastical dominion over all civil society", unquote. That is Roman Catholicism, ladies and gentlemen!

The syllabus defines the right of the Roman Catholic Church to establish mercenaries and auxiliaries of a foreign power in every nation, to force the millions of men of our own fine race and fine country to submit to her chief bishop, the pope, as their king, who claims that right to set priests before rulers in every country with power to declare void the laws of any nation or country. Does that sound like freedom, ladies and gentlemen?

#### FREEDOM OF PRESS GREAT EVIL

Here is a statement from the mouth of Catholicism. From Seville, Spain, Dec. 5, 1952, as quoted in the New York Herald Tribune. "Pedro Cardinal Segura said today in a pastoral letter that freedom of the press is one of the greatest evils threatening modern society. The pastoral letter published by the Seville Art Diocese, said freedom of the press was universally one of the most pernicious of the evils of the day."

Ladies and Gentlemen, I beg you, hear me! Are you listen-

ing? How would you like to go to your church next Sunday and find the doors of the building locked? What would you think if the police were to come in and take you from your place of worship, lock you up in jail? What would you think if you should find the names of your church buildings torn down and scrambled upon the ground? It is time for American people to wake out of slumber and hold to our freedom, even freedom to live in a free country.

#### CATHOLICISM AND DICTATORSHIP

My friends, I should like to quote again from Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, as he gave an address before the Wesley Methodist Church in Washington, D. C. He states, "Roman Catholicism has never been too much at home in the United States. It has always found totalitarian governments more congenial than a democratic government. At the head of this church is a man who calls himself the Vicar of Jesus Christ and who insists that any statement he may offer in the realm of faith and morals cannot be wrong. In the Romanist system there are, to use their own words, "rulers and ruled". The rulers are the hierarchy; the ruled are the masses who have the privilege of thinking and believing as they are told. This is dictatorship with which one must check the balance of any kind. If you have a voice that is infallible, what need is there for other voices? Precisely because it is a dictatorial power, itself, Romanism has always got along quite well with dictators. It understands their way of operating. The concordat between Mussolini and the Pope is well known. Within six months of Hitler's accession to power in 1933 Pope Pius XI had negotiated and signed a concordate with that dictator. It was, in fact, a solid acceptance of Hitler by the Catholics of South Germany which enabled him to come to power. All Catholics were forbidden to oppose him. The German Bishops meeting in 1936 declared: "May our Fuehrer with the help of God succeed in the extraordinarily difficult work he has undertaken". (The reference is plainly to the conquest of Europe). Yes, in 1940 when France had fallen and a German victory seemed eminent, the German bishops in a pastoral letter gave, and I quote, "a solemn pledge of loyalty to Chancellor Hitler."

#### LEGAL RIGHTS OF OTHER RELIGIONS

"The worst feature about the American system, from the



Vatican point of view, is our principle of the separation of church and state," Dr. Lowell states. "The Roman position as set forth in the Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII is that the state exists for the church. It is the function of the state to promote the successful operations of the church. And when he says 'church', my friends he does not mean the Baptist or the Methodist. He means the Pope's own church. The trouble with the separation of the church and state, as the Vatican sees it, is that all faiths are put on an equal footing before the law. This is intolerable because, as they see it, the state exists for the purpose of promoting Roman Catholicism. The official organ of the Jesuits published in Rome puts it this way in a recent issue: 'The Roman Catholic Church convinced that it is the only true church, must demand the right to freedom for herself alone, because such a right can only be possessed by truth, never by error. As to other religions . . . the Church will require that they shall not be allowed to propagate false doctrine . . . . Whenever it can, the Church will require that legal existence be denied to error.' Unquote. The article goes on to state that in some countries where Romanists are in the minority they will be too weak to suppress other faiths. In these situations the Romanists are to insist on all possible concessions for themselves, hoping for the day when they will be able to deny other minorities the very rights that were accorded them. The statement ends by saying, and I quote, we "ask protestants to understand, that the Roman Church would betray her trust if she were to proclaim that the error, that is protestantism, can have the same right as true Romanism."

Dr. Lowell states, "I once asked a Jesuit priest if this really presented the aim of Rome. He admitted that it did, but added, you protestants need have no cause for alarm. It will be a long time before the Catholics are in a majority and we are able to establish the true church-state relationships in the United States. That is to say, we protestants needn't worry until it is too late to do anything about it".

My friends, are you really concerned about freedom; yes, freedom of religion and freedom of thought

#### MCCARTHY — CATHOLICISM — COMMUNISM

In an interview in Dallas, Senator Joseph McCarthy, a Catholic, said Whittaker Chambers, a former communist spy, was now one of the greatest Americans of our time. You remember Mr. Chambers was a communist spy. Could it be



that Chambers has recently affiliated himself with the Catholic Church that the Senator has such a high esteem of a man who a few years ago helped our enemies to our top secrets? Why does the Senator have such praise for a former communist spy of a short time ago, yet holds a question mark over others who had communist leanings twenty years ago or more, but have since repudiated such stands. Are they Catholic? Are all those in positions of trust who are not Catholic to be looked upon with suspicion while those who are Catholic are considered loyal?

#### SAVED FROM COMMUNISM FOR CATHOLICISM?

It would be indeed interesting to question the Senator in regard to his motive in investigation of communists in government. No one doubts but that he has rendered a great and distinct service to his country in ferreting out subversive elements in the country, but has he been moved by loyalty to his country or loyalty to the Pope? Is he trying to save us from the communist in order to save us *for* Catholicism? It seems inconsistent for him to use his high office to track down one subversive element then turn and support another which is equally as dangerous to our American freedoms. Yes, I'm opposed to Communism, you are opposed to communism, but I am likewise opposed to Catholicism or any kind of "ism" that would destroy our freedom. I should like to ask the Senator if he shares the conviction of Catholics that the Pope should have supreme power over temporal affairs of state? We should like to know if he endorses the Catholic position that our public school system should be abolished? If the Senator answers like a good American, he will prove to be a poor Catholic.

In his search for communists in our government, Senator McCarthy can expect our full cooperation, but we have no desire to be saved from one "ism" so that we can be swallowed by another "ism".

One notable thing about Catholics. If you oppose Catholicism, you are a communists. When our missionaries began to preach the gospel in Italy and make inroads into Catholicism, we were immediately branded as communists. Actually, my friends, I have personally received some "hot" letters from Catholics, even some threatening letters, since I began this series of addresses, and, as you might suppose, some branding

me as a Communist. If you expose and oppose Catholicism, you are a Communist!

God give us strength and courage, men and women of faith and courage throughout America, yes, throughout the world, to speak the voice of freedom. Freedom of religion, freedom of press, freedom to serve almighty God and to serve humanity. Catholicism does not tolerate these freedoms!

### III.

#### CATHOLISM VS. FREEDOM

My friends, what would you do if you went to your church building next Sunday and found the doors were padlocked, closed up and no public worship permitted? What would you do if awakened some morning and read in your daily newspaper that all public school property had been confiscated and used for the purpose of indoctrinating the students with religious beliefs along with the study of academic subjects? I say to you, ladies and gentlemen, what would you do if you were suddenly realizing that all Bibles were confiscated and burned and those who owned Bibles were subject to punishment by law?

Do you say, "Mr. Howard, those things can't be in a free country"? That's right, my friends. If we retain our freedom, such things will not happen. But I tell you, beloved, there is a religio-political organization in the world, known as Roman Catholicism, which has plans and schemes to destroy these freedoms which we enjoy. Roman Catholicism is intolerant toward freedom; freedom of religion, freedom of press and freedom of thought. The only freedom which Catholicism advocates in reality is freedom for her to take over State and civil authority, freedom to propagate her doctrines and impose her dictates of religion upon all men, even if necessary to be done by force. I ask your undivided attention to the indisputable facts I wish to present for your consideration.

First, I should like to say that these addresses are not meant for reflection upon any individual, regardless of his religious beliefs. That is the very thing we are contending for, freedom to believe as you may. I do not believe the Baptist doctrine, or the Methodist doctrine, or other denominational doctrines, but I tell you that I believe in their *right* to believe what they believe. It furthermore should be stated that the general membership of the Catholic church is not responsible for statements of doctrines and purposes of Catholicism. It is very obvious that the hierarchy of Rome is responsible for the doctrines and aims of Catholicism. The "laity" have only the responsibility of accepting what is handed to them, without question, "to pray, and to PAY."

In the November 1940 issue of the Christian Action it is stated that the doctrines of Catholicism were strange to some



Catholics. In the same issue of that magazine one of the professors of Fordham University took issue with the statement by the editor. It is no doubt a fact that many American Catholics could not be forced into fighting against our blood bought freedoms and liberties. There are no doubt thousands of Catholics today who would immediately desert Romanism if called upon to openly fight against our freedoms. But, don't you know, beloved, that a private, or a corporal, or a sergeant, could have little to do with the decisions handed down by the high command in any army. Surely, we must realize these facts!

#### BIBLES BURNED

My friends, I want you to hear from Catholic authorities what their attitudes are toward the Bible. Do not be misled by all their pretending claims of belief on the Bible. I quote excerpts from an address by the cardinals of the church to Pope Pius III, which is preserved in the National Library of Paris, Vol. 2; page 650, 651. Quote: "Of all the advice that we can offer your holiness, we must open your eyes well and use all possible force in the matter, namely, to permit the reading of the gospel as little as possible in all the countries under your jurisdiction. Let the very little part of the gospel which is usually read in mass, and let no one be permitted to read it more. So long as people will be content with the small amount, your interest will prosper; but as soon as the people want to read more, your interest will begin to fail. The Bible is the book which more than any other thing has raised against us the tumults and tempests by which we have almost perished. In fact, if one compares the teaching of the Bible with what takes place in our churches, he will soon find discord, and will realize that our teachings are often different from the Bible, and often still, contrary to it." Unquote. That, my friends, was from the address of the cardinals to Pope Pius III.

Did you know, ladies and gentlemen, that the pages of Catholic history are blotched and smeared with such events as public Bible burnings? From America or Rome; Christ or The Pope, page 222, 223, by Brandt, I quote: "In November, 1842, several Jesuit missionaries held a protracted meeting in the town of Champlain, New York. A large number of Catholics from adjoining towns and country attended the meeting. After the meetings were in progress for several days, an order was issued, requiring all who had Bibles to bring them to the priest;

and on the 27th of November, a large number of Bibles, more than one hundred, were brought out from the priest's home, and placed in a pile in open yard, and fire was set to them and they were burned to ashes. This was done in the open day in the State of New York, and in the presence of many spectators" Unquote. When a priest in charge offered denial he declared, and I quote, "It would be better to burn such translation of the Bible than to give it to grocers and dealers to wrap their wares in." Unquote.

My friends, here it! Are you listening? . . . I say to you that the reason the Roman Catholic hierarchy hates the Bible in its completeness, as God divine authority, is the fact that the Bible pronounces the anathema of God upon the Pope, who sets himself forth as God, foretold in the Bible (2 Thes. 2:3-4), and condemns to eternity the false doctrines of Romanism. Give all the honest Catholics an open Bible, permit them to read and think for themselves, and they will repudiate Romanism and become Christians only.

Not only will the power of Rome burn the Bible, but they have burned and will still burn those who read and believe the Bible, if they oppose Roman Catholicism when they are in power. I have presented facts from the pages of history already given in previous discourses.

It seems easy to consider history so far in the past, we often forget that only yesterday is history too. You must remember today will be history tomorrow! I should like to give you a few more quotations concerning Catholic attitude toward protestants, or those who may oppose them.

#### EX-CATHOLIC PRIEST SPEAKS

From the March issue of the Baptist Standard, a religious periodical published by Baptist churches, I quote a statement by Emmett McLaughlin, a converted Catholic Priest. Quote: "Let me tell you just a few of the attacks in the cold war that Catholic churches has waged against me in the five years since I exercised my American privilege of freedom of thought and freedom of worship and dared to leave the priesthood.

I received more than 10,000 letters, and I still receive them. A few were friendly and congratulatory but the bulk of them, even from bishops and priests, condemned me so severely and in many instances in such vile language that if they were opened by the postal authorities their writers could have been arrested

for sending obscene matter through the mails.

Malicious rumors were deliberately spread by the Catholic clergy, I was said to be spending all of my time in taverns; I was accused of breaking up marriages. God, they said, had punished me with heart trouble and paralysis. Outside of Arizona rumors were circulated that I had deserted my wife, lost my job, was doing penance and begging for re-admission to the Roman Catholic church.

The hierarchy, through Catholic members of the board of directors, tried to throw me out of the hospital I had built. While a priest I had been a leader to Catholics. Now I was untrustworthy, dishonest, and inefficient. I had foreseen this move and had been replacing Catholics with Protestants as board members.

When the Catholics could not run me out of the hospital they tried to wreck the hospital and are still trying to do it. The clergy told the people to boycott it, which to a great extent they have unless they are so poor that the sisters will not take them in. Nuns in Phoenix schools told children of our nurses that I was a sinful man and that they should tell their mothers not to work for me. Catholic doctors tried to coax even non-Catholics away from our institution." Unquote.

Thus, ladies and gentlemen, an attitude of Roman Catholicism toward anyone who would repudiate her views or seek freedom of thought and freedom of religion.

#### PRIESTS MURDER

My friends, don't you know that Romanism and Freedom are incompatible! Listen to this. I quote from The Converted Catholic Magazine, date of October, 1946, a statement of a minister, Zacarias P. Carles, director of Spanish Christian Mission, telling the story of his experiences in Madrid when the Franco rebellion started in 1936. Quote:

"In July, 1936, I was living in Madrid. This was the month in which our so-called tragic Spanish war started. On the very first day I went to the British and Foreign Bible Society, of which I was the assistant superintendent. While going to my office I had to pass by a convent. When I was in front of it, I had to hide myself, since from the windows of the Roman church building priests and others with machine-guns were fighting against the passers-by. Many of them were killed by the priests. When men were able to come near the church, it



was set on fire and the priests, still wearing their clerical robes, were captured, carrying their machine guns with them. Then they were shot. They were killed, not because they were priests, but because they had been murdering their fellow-citizens.

"I knew at once that our war had been started with the help of the Vatican. Even the Pope sent \$3,000,000 to help Franco. Many Spaniards hate the Roman church on account of her association with the bloody Spanish war. Some Spaniards even hate God, since what they know of God they know only through the Roman church." End of quotation.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, Roman Catholicism advocates the use of force to exterminate those who would oppose her. In the Canon of the Papacy, code number 15, I quote: Listen to this, beloved. Quote: "He who kills one that is excommunicated is no murderer in the legal sense". Unquote.

#### CATHOLICS MAY DESTROY CHURCHES

In the Christian Chronicle, date of Dec. 9, 1953, Donald Daugherty of Orleans, France gave the following report on Catholic attitudes. I quote:

"The October 5th issue of TIME carried a short paragraph in its Religion Department concerning developments in the South American country of Columbia. The report said in part:

'The News Bulletin of the Evangelical Confederation of Columbia published a summary of the persecution of Protestants there during the past five years. Items: 42 church buildings destroyed by fire and dynamite, 31 damaged, ten confiscated; 110 Protestant primary schools closed, 54 of them by government order, the rest by violence; 51 Protestant men, women and children killed, \$148,000 lost in buildings destroyed, damaged or confiscated.'

As I occasionally comment on articles in TIME to their editors I wrote the following letter the day after publication of the issue:

'Sir: Like anyone born and reared in freedom I detest persecution of religious groups; but I shall be more inclined to feel sorry for Catholics behind the Iron Curtain when the Vatican has put forward some honest efforts to stop persecution of Protestants and non-Catholic groups in Italy and Col-

umbia. After all, I see little difference between 42 churches destroyed by Catholic fire and dynamite and the same number of churches destroyed by dynamite manufactured under the Five-Year-Plan.'"

It was stated by Daugherty that he hardly expected any reply to his part of the letter quoted in TIME, however, he had several replies from American Catholics. The following part from one of the letters reveals Catholic attitudes toward freedom. Quote:

"How can any unprejudiced man not see the distinction between church razing by Catholics and by Communists? Its the motive that matters. Communists destroy churches because they're God's enemies; Catholics destroy churches because they're God's friends . . . . Against such men-founded churches that villify and slander the God-founded, the Catholic church, Catholics in Latin America should arise and wipe them out with fire." Unquote

Ladies and gentlemen, did you hear that? An advocate of Catholicism says it's all right for Catholics to destroy churches because they are God's friends, but it is wrong for Communists to destroy churches they are God's enemies. The principal is the same, my friends, whether it be an intolerant religio-political organization like Roman Catholicism or a totalitarian civil government like communism. The principle is: destroy churches, schools, or any other institutions which stand in the way of the great hierarchy. Communism and Catholicism are twins who sleep in the same bed, even though they fight during the day!

"RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AT END"

There is no doubt about the designs of Romanism and her exercise of power. I quote from "America or Rome, Christ or The Pope" by Brandt, page 415. Quote: "Bishop O'Connor says: 'Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic world.'" And again I quote:

"The Shepherd of The Valley not many years ago, Rome's official organ of the Bishop of St. Louis stated: 'If Catholics ever obtain a sufficient numerical majority in this country, religious freedom is at an end.'" Unquote.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPPOSED

My friends, Catholicism is not only opposed to freedom of religion, but is opposed to our public school systems as I

pointed out to you in the previous address on this subject. I wish to add, however, a quotation from "American Freedom and Catholic Power", chapter 5, page 79, by Paul Blanshard. Quote: "Here are some random quotations issued by the American Press of the late Cardinal Hayes, MAY AN AMERICAN OPPOSE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS?, by Paul L. Blakely, (a Catholic priest, incidentally). This tract has never been repudiated by the hierarchy, although I am sure that it does not represent the attitude of most American Catholic-laymen.

Our first duty to the public school is not to pay taxes for its maintenance. We pay that tax under protest; not because we admit an obligation in justice. Justice can not oblige the support of a system which we are forbidden in conscience to use, or a system which we conscientiously hold to be bad in principle in its ultimate consequences". Unquote.

Ladies and gentlemen, don't you know that when you destroy our public school system, which the hierarchy of Rome has vowed to do, you have destroyed freedom of thought; don't you know that when you have destroyed freedom of thought you have instituted slavery. Awake America before it is too late! Here is further evidence of what Catholicism is doing right here in America today, not in Italy, not in Spain, but right here in America, a land we have called to be a land of freedom .

Listen to this. From the Christian Chronicle, date of June 17th, 1953, I quote: "A recent edition of the Wichita, Kansas, BEACON reports that court action has been brought against the Garden Plain, Kansas, School Board for the recovery of money spent for the employment of nuns as teachers and the renting of a parochial school.

The petition claimed that students not members of the Catholic faith were being required to follow certain Catholic rituals.

These points are listed specifically: All students are urged to attend confession the catechism was taught during school hours; teachers were garbed in the manner of their order; holy days of obligation peculiar to the Catholic faith were observed; the rosary was recited and Catholic textbooks used, and Masses were taught". Unquote.

#### CATHOLIC CONTROL

Ladies and gentlemen, we have received thousands of letters commending this broadcasts, including many letters describing



local conditions under Catholic dominion or Catholic influence. I wish I could read hundreds of these letters to you. Of course brevity of time will not permit. Here is a letter I would like to quote from, however. It comes from a minister of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in a town in the State of Iowa. I quote from his letter. Listen.

"Roman Catholics have complete control over this town, the township, and the school affairs. The public school has been closed here for about ten years. Our children have to go to another town ten miles away in order to attend a public school. And you can't buy a sandwich without patronizing a Roman Catholic tavern, a loaf of bread or a pair of shoe strings or a pound of nails or a gallon of gas without patronizing a Roman Catholic owned business. I probably know some things firsthand that you said last night, but I would like to have a copy of your address anyway." Unquote.

My friends, hear me. Are you listening? Every man and woman in America and, yes, throughout the world, today, should awaken to the danger that threatens our liberties, whether it be communism, catholicism, or any other "ism". We believe in the God given heritage for man to have the freedom to believe and worship as his conscience may direct. We believe in the right for a man to be a Catholic, if that is his belief, although I do not believe in the Catholic Church. But, ladies and gentlemen, Catholicism does not believe in **YOUR RIGHT** to be a Baptist, to be a Methodist, to be a Lutheran, or anything else. Catholicism does not believe in **MY RIGHT TO BE A MEMBER** of the church of Christ. The true Catholic state would not even permit you to have a meeting place for our public worship, unless it were Catholic. No, my friend, I do not believe in doctrines of the Baptist Church, although I was practically reared in the Baptist Church, but beloved, I tell you I would fight for the **RIGHT** of a man to be a Baptist, or whatever belief he desires.

May I encourage you, ladies and gentlemen, of this vast audience throughout a great part of North America, to arise with faith in God and faith in yourself and accept the challenge. God give us wisdom and strength! May we inform ourselves and enlighten our neighbors. There are literally thousands upon thousands who have no suspicions of the dangers that threaten our freedom, parading under the cloak of religion. Not only

must we fortify ourselves against such evil forces, but we must fight for this righteous cause. We must oppose and expose! May God help us. Roman Catholicism is as much opposed to freedom of religion and many of our civil liberties as is Communism!

## IV.

### CATHOLICISM VS. FREEDOM

Ladies and gentlemen, do you believe in religious freedom? Would you like to see such a thing as the church doors of the country today being locked, and every protestant denomination refused the opportunity for public worship? Would you like to see the public school system of our country abolished? Are you concerned about the government of our land in which we live and of which we are so proud? Did you know that Roman Catholicism is one of the greatest threats to freedom the world has ever known?

### CATHOLICISM VS. CITIZENSHIP

Did you know that Romanism is an enemy of the oath of naturalization? Our United States statutes declares, and I quote: "The alien seeking citizenship must make oath to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, in particular, that to which he has been subject." Unquote.

The Roman Catholic profession of faith, sanctioned by the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore, contains the following oath of allegiance to the Pope. And I quote. "And I pledge and swear true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, Vicar of Jesus Christ, and successor of the blessed Peter, prince of the Apostles." Unquote. Rome's cannon law declares, and I quote. "No oaths are to be kept if they are against the interests of the Church of Rome." Unquote. (From America or Rome, Christ or the Pope—Brandt, page 418.)

### PRESS SUBJECT TO POPE

Rome is also an enemy of the free press. In one amendment of the Constitution we read: "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of press". Pope Leo, in a letter of June 17th, 1885, informs us that obedience to the Pope is, and I quote, "A duty incumbent upon all without exception", and "most strictly so upon the journalists". Unquote.

Ladies and gentlemen, won't you hear me! I tell you it is quite possible that the Hierarchy of Rome is conducting one of the greatest subversive, political campaigns in America to destroy our freedoms. There are thousands upon thousands of good Americans today who are wondering if Senator Mc-



Carthy, who is one of the most prominent laymen in the Catholic Church, is not more interested in planting Catholicism in key positions in Washington than he is interested in removing communists. Yes, we detest communism! But communism is no more intollerant than Catholicism, once she is in power!

Here is a report which should challenge your thinking. I ask you to hear it, my friends. From the *Converted Catholic Magazine*, October, 1947, I quote.

"Former U. S. District Court Judge Albert Levitt of Santa Monica, California, threw a bombshell into the midst of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C. last July when he demanded an investigation of the political activities of the Roman Catholic Church in America.

In a letter to Congressman J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the House Committee, Judge Levitt declared, (and I quote:)

"I am willing to appear before your committee and present, under oath, so as to be subject to the pains and penalties of perjury, conclusive documentary proof that the Roman Catholic Church in the United States is engaged in subversive activities which are undermining our American form of government and are designed to destroy the political and religious freedom of our people." Unquote.

#### BREAK SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

The following excerpts, from Dr. Charles C. Morrison's speech before the World Convention of Christian Churches in Buffalo last July 30, are worthy of our attention. Dr. Morrison is the founder and former editor of *The Christian Century*, and a consistent fighter for the preservation intact of the wall of separation between Church and State against increasing attacks upon it by The Roman Catholic Church.

According to the N. Y. Times' report of his speech, Dr. Morrison declared: and I quote: "The objective of the Catholic Church, as clearly disclosed in the writings of some of her outstanding members, is to shift to the public treasury the entire burden of financing its parochial schools while the hierarchy retains absolute control of the educational process in them."

Continuing, he asserted,

"The hierarchy knows that a bold and honest presentation of its purpose would meet with the overwhelming defeat by the people in the courts. Such a bold raid on the public treasury and such overt defiance of the Constitution would evoke a reli-

gious war in this country, to the irreparable damage of the prestige of the Catholic Church.

"This the hierarchy knows full well. So the Church adopts a subtler strategy, a strategy of gradualism. It seeks to crack the constitutional principle of separation of Church and State at some point where the average citizen will not discern that it is being cracked, and where even the courts may find a way of rationalizing their approval.

"While Protestantism was asleep, the Catholic Church, by employing this strategy, obtained legislation in states empowering local school authorities to use public-school tax money to provide free textbooks and bus transportation for the pupils of the parochial schools. It has won decisions from the Federal Supreme Court approving both of these mis-appropriations of public-school tax funds."

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH ALSO POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

My friends, you may well ask is the Roman Catholic Church a political organization? I wish to quote from the American Freedom and Catholic Power, by Paul Blanshard, Chapter 3, page 40. Quote:

"IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH A SOVEREIGN POWER? According to Catholic theologians, yes. It has the three requisites of a sovereign power, legislative, executive and judicial, including the power of coercion. The ruler of the Church, the Pope, claims sovereignty by divine right, and he is also the heir of a small state, the Vatican State, created by the Lateran Treaty of 1929 with Mussolini. This Vatican State is ruled by the same machinery that rules the religious aspect of the Church. The Holy Father is not alone the supreme head of the Catholic Church. He is also the head of a sovereign State. Thirty-eight countries have representatives at the Holy See. This statement was made by Cardinal Spellman on March 12, 1940, when President Roosevelt's 1939 appointment of Myron C. Taylor as personal representative to the Vatican was under fire. At that time nearly all the important countries of the world except the United States and the Soviet Union had official diplomats at the Vatican. By 1948, forty-one nations had representatives at the Vatican, and the Vatican in turn had a nucleus or lesser diplomats at the capitals of these powers. In addition, the Vatican had nineteen religious representatives serving as Apostolic Delegates in other capitals, appointed by the same sovereign as appointed the others.

**HOW FAR DOES THE CHURCH AS A SOVEREIGN POWER EXTEND ITS JURISDICTION?** Everywhere, where there are Catholics. It claims that it is a supernatural institution with complete territorial jurisdiction.

**WHAT IS THE POPE'S TEMPORAL STATE?** For about seven hundred years it consisted chiefly of the large district of central Italy called the Papal States. Now, by the Vatican-Mussolini Concordat of 1929, the Roman Catholic state has been revived as a 108-acre section of Rome, with some extra-territorial rights outside of Rome. Its existence was confirmed after World War II by the Italian constitution assembly which asserted the Lateran Treaties in the new Italian constitution.

**DOES THIS VATICAN STATE HAVE A GOVERNMENT OF ITS OWN?** (This is an important question my friends. Does this Vatican state have a government of its own?) Yes, it has a full civil government with a flag, a police force, courts and postage stamps. It even issues currency in the form of gold and silver coins bearing an effigy of the Pope, and it has some 500-odd national citizens who use Vatican passports when they wish to travel. It has armed guards and, before 1870, it had a full-blown military establishment.

**IS THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS STATE DEMOCRATIC?** No. According to the first article of its constitution, it is a complete autocracy in which "the plenitude of legislative, executive and judicial power is vested in the Pope."

**DOES THIS STATE HAVE A DIPLOMATIC CORPS?** Yes, a large and active diplomatic corps, headed by the Secretary of State.

**DO THESE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VATICAN STATE HAVE EQUALITY OF STATUS WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF OTHER POWERS?** Yes, and no. They have superior status in most cases, and the Vatican expects them to take precedence over other ambassadors. In most capitals they outrank the representatives of the United States government.

**DO THE CONSTITUTION AND COURTS OF THE VATICAN STATE PROVIDE ANY CHECK UPON THE ABSOLUTE POWER OF THE POPE?** No.

**DOES THE POPE MAINTAIN A COURT AND CONFER TITLES OF NOBILITY?** Yes, he maintains a court in the



largest palace in the world, and he appoints Papal nobles who are entitled to wear uniforms and swords. Incidentally, the grant of these orders of Papal nobility is a substantial source of income for the Papal treasury.

#### CATHOLICISM VS. FREEDOM

Ladies and gentlemen, are you listening? . . . I beg you, hear me! I now give to you the basis of Roman Catholicism, the heart and core of Catholicism, the Canon Law of Papacy. This is it! I quote from the book, "America or Rome, Christ or the Pope" by Brandt, as follows:

"This is the acknowledgment and the fundamental code of Romanism. The following distinct stipulations were gleaned therefrom for the future use of the Church by Dr. G. F. Von Shult, Professor of Canonical Law at Prague. Remember, my friends, this is Roman Catholicism. I quote:

"1. All human power is from evil, and must therefore be standing under the Pope.

"2. The temporal powers must act unconditionally, in accordance with the orders of the spiritual.

"3. The Church is empowered to grant, or to take away, any temporal possession.

"4. The Pope has the right to give countries and nations which are non-Catholic to Catholic regents, who can reduce them to slavery.

"5. The Pope can make slaves of those Christian subjects whose prince or ruling power is interdicted by the Pope.

"6. The laws of the Church, concerning the liberty of the Church and the Papal power, are based upon divine inspiration.

"7. The Church has the right to practice the unconditional censure of books.

"8. The Pope has the right to annul state laws, treaties, constitutions, etc., to absolve from obedience thereto, as soon as they seem detrimental to the Church, or those of the Clergy.

"9. The Pope possesses the right of admonishing, and if needs be, of punishing the temporary rulers, emperors, and kings as well as of drawing before the spiritual forum any case in which mortal sin occurs.

"10. Without the consent of the Pope no tax of any kind can be levied upon a clergyman, or upon any church whatsoever.

"11. The Pope has the right to absolve from oaths and obedi-

ence to persons and the laws of the princes whom he excommunicates.

"12. The Pope can annul all legal relations of those in ban, especially their marriages.

"13. The Pope can release from every obligation, oath, vow, either before or after having been made.

"14. The execution of the Papal commands for the persecution of heretics causes remission of sins.

"15. He who kills one that is excommunicated is no murderer in any legal sense."

My friends, that is Roman Catholicism, Versus Freedom. Under the power of Roman Catholicism, of the dictatorial power of a state government by the Papacy, there would be no freedom!

Catholicism declares: All human power is evil. The church has power to grant or take away temporal possession; the Pope has the right to give countries and nations or non-catholics to Catholics and reduce non-catholics to slavery. If you will take a look at countries completely dominated by Catholics you will see depression, oppression and slavery in action, civilization at its lowest ebb.

The Pope has the right to annul laws and constitutions, and annul all legal relations, including marriages.

The Pope may even legalize murder for "one who kills one that is excommunicated is no murdered in any legal sense," it is advocated!

#### SPEAK WHILE YOU CAN

May God give us the strength and courage to expose these master designs of the great hierarchy of Rome. Our freedom of thought, our freedom of press, our freedom of religion are being undermined by Roman Catholicism. Many newspapers today dare not print any unfavorable news about Catholicism. There are only a few radio stations in the world today over which these addresses could have been heard. We thank God there are still some who believe in freedom of speech and freedom of religion and not afraid for the plain positive facts to be revealed in a public way. It is a sad day indeed when newspapers, radio stations, and television stations, have so much pressure brought upon them that they are afraid for one to speak in opposition to Roman Catholicism. Many are afraid of boycotts, and some, perhaps are even afraid of their lives. Yes, even I have received a few threatening letters, but thank God, there are thousands and thousands of letters of commendation of this presentation of

truth. I am glad to know that Americans are becoming alerted to the great dangers which threaten our freedoms.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am 100% opposed to communism, but I want to tell you, (Are you listening? . . .) I am just as much opposed to any other "ism", including Roman Catholicism, which seeks to destroy our freedoms we enjoy today. Yes, we believe in a man's right to be a Catholic, if he wants to be a Catholic. We believe in your right, as a free man, created free by God Almighty, to believe what you may believe. But we do not believe that a man, or group of men, has the right, in the name of a foreign power, or in the name of some religio-political organization, to take away that right. Thousands of your sons and daughters have sacrificed their blood upon the battle fields in foreign lands so that we might continue to enjoy this great heritage. The blood of our fathers bought us this liberty. Let no man, or organization, with a cloak of religion on, or otherwise, take away these great blessings of our liberty.

Now, in conclusion, I urge you to be honest. Open your eyes before it is too late. My friends, I want to continue to worship my God and my Lord as directed in the simple teachings of the New Testament. I want always to be a Christian; yes, a Christian only!

I want my children and my children's children, your children and your neighbor's children, to enjoy the right to freedom of thought, freedom of speech, and freedom to worship God as we believe right. Catholicism is intolerant toward these freedoms! May we always enjoy the freedom to live!





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